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**PRELIMINARY RESPONSE IN RCE**

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S I R :

In advance of continued examination and in response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2007, with the period for response having been extended for three months from October 18, 2007 to January 18, 2008, by Petition and payment of the extension fee, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration on the basis of the following:

**Remarks/Arguments** which begin on Page 2 of this paper.